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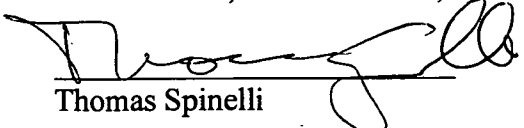
1. Japanese Patent No. 2680111, dated August 1, 1997 (which corresponds to Japanese Application Laid-Open No. 2-182231);

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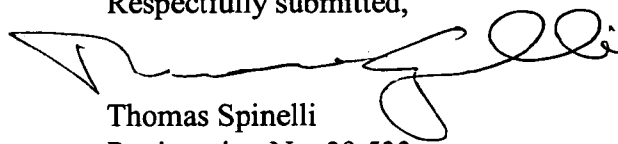
  
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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-093328, dated April 2, 2003, together with English-language Abstract; and
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The references were cited in the International Search Report of a corresponding International PCT Application. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited foreign references, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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